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Memo to ~~Coal~~ File

RE: Wildlife Mitigation Plan
Getty Minerals
Mercur Canyon Mine
ACT/045/017
Tooele County, Utah

On September 13, 1983, Susan Linner of the Division traveled to the Mercur Mine for a meeting to review and discuss Getty's finalized Wildlife mitigation plan. Also present were Ron Joseph, of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Rodney John, Kendall Nelson and Jim Ekins of the Division of Wildlife Resources, and Brian Buck, Glen Eurick and Walt Shubert representing Getty.

A presentation of the existing or proposed implementation of various aspects of mitigation plan was given by the Getty employees. Discussion areas included the raptor management plan and final reclamation of the mine pit area. Mr. Shubert, Chief of Security for Getty, discussed access to the mine, hunting policy and speed limit enforcement on mine roads.

Mitigation actions that will be undertaken this fall include: final reclamation of old exploration sites and other areas that will not be impacted further during mine life, erection of a raptor nest platform on a ridge above the tailings pond and the installation of deer gates in the tailings pond fence. Enhancement of existing watering sources may also be undertaken this fall. The group visited potential enhancement sites, including the old Combined Metals tunnel, Sparrow hawk Spring and Rover Flats Spring. All springs were flowing, but showed evidence of cattle trampling. To insure steady flow, spring sources should be cleaned and fenced. A holding pond should also be built below the Combined Metals Source. Getty is also considering installing two guzzlers in areas away from the mine where there are no natural water sources. That work will not be done until next year at the earliest.

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